

Message Text

CONFIDENTIAL

PAGE 01 TAIPEI 02932 080942Z

21

ACTION EA-14

INFO OCT-01 EUR-25 ISO-00 CIAE-00 DODE-00 PM-07 H-03

INR-10 L-03 NSAE-00 NSC-07 PA-04 RSC-01 PRS-01 SP-03

SS-20 OMB-01 SSO-00 NSCE-00 USIE-00 INRE-00 DRC-01

/101 W

----- 073547

O R 080920Z MAY 74

FM AMEMBASSY TAIPEI

TO SECSTATE WASHDC IMMEDIATE 1735

INFO AMCONSUL HONG KONG

AMEMBASSY LONDON

AMEMBASSY TOKYO

C O N F I D E N T I A L TAIPEI 2932

EO 11652 GDS

TAGS PFOR CGEN CH TW UK

SUBJECT: LAU MIU-LAM, PROTECTING POWER

REF: TAIPEI 2931

1. SUMMARY: HONG KONG GOVERNMENT HAS REQUESTED EMBASSY OBSERVE HEARING MAY 10 IN CASE OF LAU MIU-LAM, POSSIBLE BRITISH SUBJECT. LAU IS BEING TRIED BY TAIWAN GARRISON COMMAND FOR ALLEGED MEMBERSHIP IN INDONESIAN COMMUNIST PARTY. EMBASSY REQUESTS DEPARTMENT'S INSTRUCTIONS. END SUMMARY.

2. HONG KONG AUTHORITIES HAVE REQUESTED THAT EMBASSY OBSERVER ATTEND HEARING MAY 10 IN CASE OF LAU MIU-LAM POSSIBLE BRITISH SUBJECT AND CHINESE CITIZEN (REFTEL). LAU CAME TO TAIWAN FEBRUARY 27, 1973, AND WAS ARRESTED MARCH 3, 1973. HE WAS ALLEGEDLY FORCED BY TORTURE TO CONFESS TO MEMBERSHIP COMMUNIST PARTY IN INDONESIA IN 1958. INITIAL HEARING WAS HELD ON HIS CASE MARCH 6, 1974, AND DELAYED PENDING FURTHER INFORMATION. EMBASSY UNDERSTANDS TAIWAN
CONFIDENTIAL

CONFIDENTIAL

PAGE 02 TAIPEI 02932 080942Z

GARRISON COMMAND IS HOLDING LAM AND WILL CONDUCT SECOND

HEARING MAY 10.

3. BRITISH EMBASSY TOKYO ADVISED EMBASSY MARCH 4 THAT LAU APPEARS TO BE CITIZEN OF UNITED KINGDOM AND COLONIES BASED ON CERTIFICATE OF NATIONALIZATION, BUT HE MUST BE IDENTIFIED BY PASSPORT WHICH ROC AUTHORITIES ARE ALLEGEDLY HOLDING. POSSIBLE LAU IS DUAL NATIONAL, BUT EMBASSY CANNOT CONFIRM. BRITISH EMBASSY TOKYO STATED THAT UK DOES NOT NORMALLY PROTECT BRITISH SUBJECTS HOLDING A SECOND NATIONALITY AGAINST THE AUTHORITIES OF THAT SECOND NATIONALITY.

4. EMBASSY IS ASKING TGGH WHETHER LAM IS BEING TRIED AS A BRITISH SUBJECT AND ON WHAT CHARGES HE IS BEING TRIED. ON BASIS PAST EXPERIENCE, WE DO NOT EXPECT TGGH COOPERATION.

5. EMBASSY REQUESTS INSTRUCTIONS AS TO ACTION IT SHOULD TAKE AT LAU'S BEHALF, AND SPECIFICALLY WHETHER IT SHOULD REQUEST REPRESENTATIVE BE PRESENT AT HEARING.
UNGER

CONFIDENTIAL

NNN

Message Attributes

Automatic Decaptioning: X
Capture Date: 01 JAN 1994
Channel Indicators: n/a
Current Classification: UNCLASSIFIED
Concepts: MEMBERSHIP, TRIALS, DIPLOMATIC PERSONNEL, DEPOSITIONS, COMMUNISTS, POLITICAL PARTIES, FOREIGN INTEREST REPRESENTATION
Control Number: n/a
Copy: SINGLE
Draft Date: 08 MAY 1974
Decaption Date: 01 JAN 1960
Decaption Note:
Disposition Action: RELEASED
Disposition Approved on Date:
Disposition Authority: blochd0
Disposition Case Number: n/a
Disposition Comment: 25 YEAR REVIEW
Disposition Date: 28 MAY 2004
Disposition Event:
Disposition History: n/a
Disposition Reason:
Disposition Remarks:
Document Number: 1974TAIPEI02932
Document Source: CORE
Document Unique ID: 00
Drafter: n/a
Enclosure: n/a
Executive Order: GS
Errors: N/A
Film Number: D740111-0539
From: TAIPEI
Handling Restrictions: n/a
Image Path:
ISecure: 1
Legacy Key: link1974/newtext/t19740563/aaaacejv.tel
Line Count: 81
Locator: TEXT ON-LINE, ON MICROFILM
Office: ACTION EA
Original Classification: CONFIDENTIAL
Original Handling Restrictions: n/a
Original Previous Classification: n/a
Original Previous Handling Restrictions: n/a
Page Count: 2
Previous Channel Indicators:
Previous Classification: CONFIDENTIAL
Previous Handling Restrictions: n/a
Reference: TAIPEI 2931
Review Action: RELEASED, APPROVED
Review Authority: blochd0
Review Comment: n/a
Review Content Flags:
Review Date: 15 JUN 2005
Review Event:
Review Exemptions: n/a
Review History: RELEASED <24 JUN 2002 by cunninfx>; APPROVED <06 FEB 2003 by GarlanWA>; WITHDRAWN <13 Jun 2005 by BoyleJA, PRIVACY>; RELEASED <15 JUN 2005 by powellba2>; APPROVED <17 JUN 2005 by blochd0>
Review Markings:

Declassified/Released
US Department of State
EO Systematic Review
30 JUN 2005

Review Media Identifier:
Review Referrals: n/a
Review Release Date: n/a
Review Release Event: n/a
Review Transfer Date:
Review Withdrawn Fields: n/a
Secure: OPEN
Status: NATIVE
Subject: LAU MIU-LAM, PROTECTING POWER
TAGS: PFOR, CGEN, CH, TW, UK, US, ID, (LAU MIU-LAM)
To: STATE
Type: TE
Markings: Declassified/Released US Department of State EO Systematic Review 30 JUN 2005